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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

1. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ADMINISTRATOR LE CONG THANH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HAVE NOW OFFICIALLY FILED. TENTH WAS TRAN VAN LY, FORMER GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL VIET-NAM. HIS RUNNING MATE IS HUYNH CONG DUONG. ELEVENTH TO FILE WAS PRIME MINISTER KY, WITH NGUYEN VAN LOC AS HIS VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE. KY SUBMITTED HIS FORMAL APPLICATION MORNING JUNE 29.

2. THANH SAID THAT THE APPLICATIONS OF KY, THIEU, HUONG AND SUU ARE IN ORDER. HOWEVER, SEVERAL OF THE MINOR CANDIDATES, AS WELL AS HA THUC KY, HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIER DOSSIERS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL DUONG VAN MINH'S POSSIBLE CANDIDACY, THANH SAID THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF A TELEGRAM FROM MINH ASKING 1) THAT THE ASSEMBLY ACCEPT THE TELEGRAM AS A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION, AND 2) THAT THE ASSEMBLY INTERVENE WITH DIRECTORATE TO ALLOW MINH TO RETURN. (THANH MAINTAINS THAT ORIGINAL OF TELEGRAM INTERCEPTED BY GVN AND NOT DELIVERED TO NA.)

4. THANH THINKS NA SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER MINH'S REQUEST AND MAY RULE TO ACCEPT THE TELEGRAM AS A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION. HOWEVER, THANH BELIEVES THAT, EVEN IF PRELIMINARY APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED VALID, MINH WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT COMPLETED DOSSIER TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE BY MIDNIGHT JUNE 30. BUNKER

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